

IN THE CLAIMS:

1.-32. (Cancelled)

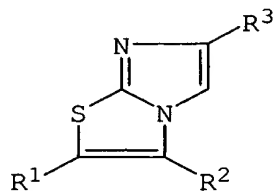
33. (Currently amended) A method of preventing cell death, in a host, attributable to a stress-inducing event affecting the cell, said method comprising treating the ~~cell~~ host with a therapeutically effective amount of a temporary p53 inhibitor to reversibly inhibit p53 activity.

34. (Currently amended) The method of claim 33 wherein the stress-inducing event comprises a cancer treatment, a trauma, hyperthermia, hypoxia, ischemia, stroke, a burn, a seizure, a tissue or organ prior to transplanting, preparing the host for a bone-marrow transplant, or DNA damage.

34.-45. (Cancelled)

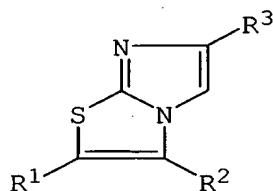
46. (Currently amended) A The method of ~~preventing cell death in a host attributable to~~ claim 34 wherein the stress-inducing event comprises preparing the host for a bone-marrow transplant, ~~said method comprising treating the cell with a therapeutically effective amount of a temporary p53 inhibitor to reversibly inhibit p53 activity.~~

47. (Previously added) The method of claim 33 wherein the temporary p53 inhibitor has a structural formula



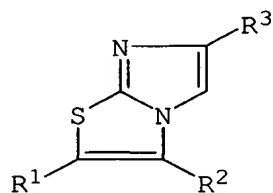
wherein R¹ and R² are taken together to form an aliphatic or aromatic 5- to 8-membered ring, and R³ is alkylphenyl.

48. (Previously added) The method of claim 34 wherein the temporary p53 inhibitor has a structural formula



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49. (Previously added) The method of claim 46 wherein the temporary p53 inhibitor has a structural formula



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